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Countries visited : Austria, England, Finland, France, Germany,

Main issues to be dealt with :

(1)-CIGARETTE TESTING PROCEDURES (CORESTA, ISO, National Standardising Organisations, Ministries of Health). (2)-BARCLAY (Finland, GCC Countries, Switzerland). (3)-ETS. (4)-NATIONAL LEGISLATIONS. (5)-EXTRAMURAL WORK. (6)-BRIEFING OF JOURNALISTS ON S&T ISSUES. (7)-THE EEC HEALTH PROGRAMME. (8)-"THE FOURTH REPORT"/ VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT (The United Kingdom). (9)-PATENTS :

Cigarette Filter. Swiss Patent No. 633 421 - Philip Morris Inc., US. The claims, as agreed with the examiner of the Swiss Patent Office, have been modified by him again as disclosed in the description. Even though the modified claims are not optimal, we have given our consent for these claims to be granted.

Cigarette Filter. Swiss Patent No. 645 252. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. (B&W), US. A meeting was held in the PME EEMA Region Headquarters in Lausanne between the PM Management and our legal advisors. It has been decided to include all, i.e. modified Actron Plus filter patents, into the nullity action in Switzerland. A thorough search has being conducted and the Swiss patents Nos. 658 775, 657 755 Swiss patent application No. 172/86 and the European patent application No. 60 488 have been found. A further search is being carried out for prior art for these patents.

British - American Tobacco Co. Ltd. West German Offenlegungsschrift No. 36 16 080. B&W has launched a new

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product "CAPRI" on the US market, as claimed in the application. The Law Department and the Tobacco Technology Group have been informed about the existence of this relevant US patent, which was granted on 20th January, 1987.

Continuous Process for Denitrating Tobacco Extracts. Australian Patent Application No. 11430.83 - FTR913. The outstanding reply to the Australian Patent Office action has been submitted with a request to accept the submissions of the amendments and to allow the patent for grant.

Cigarette with Secondary Air Channels and Apparatus for Producing the Same. Finnish Patent Application No. 820471 - FTR1033. The final amendments prepared by our Finnish associates are approved by us and have been submitted to the Patent Office together with a request to grant the patent.
Self Locking Flap. British Patent Application No. 8313201. Martin Brinkmann AG. This arrangement is presently used for our Raffles cigarette packet in Great Britain and it is planned to use it for other hinged lid packets in other PME affiliates. The British Patent Office has rejected this application. It is conceivable that Martin Brinkmann will appeal against this decision in the patent court. We will inspect the file in the patent office in due course, and keep an eye on any further developments.

Method and Apparatus for the Production of a Cigarette Packet. European Patent Application No. 84307398.2 - FTR1184. The Swedish Patent Office has accepted the claims for the granting of this application. The Swedish translation, along with the executed power of attorney, have been submitted.

Double Blend Cigarette. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Corp., US. This product has been launched by RJR on the German market

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this month. We have conducted a search and have found European Patent Application No. 174550, designating Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, West Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Luxemburg, Sweden and The Netherlands. A further search showed that this application was filed in Australia, Brazil, East Germany, Spain, Japan, Poland, Portugal and the US. It will be decided soon whether to file an opposition against this application in Europe and elsewhere.

Upon request by the FTR Research Division and PM Gmbh, Munich, a search is being carried out about methods to detect the poisons in pharmaceutical and certain food products. Presumably the University of Washington has filed patents concerning this subject.

Microperforated Filter Tip for Cigarettes. West German Patent No. 28 28 208. Olin Corp., US. The said patent was issued on 27th November, 1986, which means that the opposition period ends on 27th February, 1987. Martin Brinkmann, R.J. Reynolds, B.A.T., Reemtsma, Benkert and Enterlein have asked if FTR would join the opposition proceedings in Germany against this patent. A final refusal of this patent is of potential importance to us, as well as to our tipping paper suppliers, and to other cigarette manufacturers. Therefore instructions have been given to our German associate to file an opposition against it. All relevant prior art has been sent to them. This process will go into operation in our Onnens centre soon. The opposition against the Swiss patent will be filed in due course.

Hollow Fibre Filter. US Patent No. 4109666 - ex. L&M assests. A freedom-to-use search of this patent and our disclosures, which were published last year, is being conducted in Switzerland and West Germany.

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Cigarette Packet with Connecting Platform Inner Frame. British Patent Application NO. 8622339 - FTR0066. Skew Cut Filter. British Patent Application No. 8620109 - FTR0068. Reminders have been sent to the European Patent Office in order to expedite the search reports, which will be needed to decide whether to file these applications in other countries.

New Patent Issued : Slide and Shell Cigarette Packet. US Serial No. 792866 - FTR0053. The US patent office has issued a notification and this patent will be granted under No. 4646960.

Process for Reduction of Nitrates and Nitrites in Tobacco. US Serial No. 939758 - FTR790. The outstanding amendment in response to the outstanding office action has been sent to the US patent office with a request that the examiner withdraws the pending claims rejections and allows the claims as submitted for this application.

Apparatus for Placing Pallets on a Loading Surface. European Patent Application No. 83810308 - FTR1165. The Swedish translation of this application has been submitted to the patent office with a request to grant the patent in Sweden.

Continuous Fermentation Process. US Serial No. 678029 - FTR1166. The draft amendment and additional information have been sent to Fish & Neave, New York, for filing in the US patent office.

Marlboro Queen Packet. Finnish Design Application No. 985/86 - FTR0064. The outstanding reply to the Finnish Patent Office has been submitted with the drawings as requested by them. The design will be registered in the Finnish Patent Office in due course.

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Tear Strip Filter. US Serial No. 829154 - FTR0055. A response has been submitted to the US patent office in reply to the examiners communication of 13th November, 1986. A request has been made to reconsider our argument to allow the patent to be granted.

Actron Filter (Barclay). Australian Patent Application No. 517072. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. US. Support was given to our associates in Australia, to the Law Department in Richmond and to Fish and Neave for the revocation of this application in Australia.

Visit from : Mr. J.H. BASS, Reddie & Grose, London
Mr. E.W. BAILEY, Fish & Neave, New York
Dr. L. DAVID, Zurich

Patent Documentation : Up to date 17930 patents are on our data base.

Monday 2nd : HGA : Meeting in London of the Research Directors of the TAC member companies and Mr. HUGH GRICE (TAC), in preparation for the "Informal Meeting" with members of the Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health (ISC), which will take place later this month. Primary issues dealt with were tar reduction, tar-to-nicotine-ratios and product acceptability. Fellow Research Directors present failed to see the obvious dilemma which stems from the way "tar" is presently defined. Of course, they have reasons of their own and are not going to endorse a redefinition of "tar" (ie. making humectants deductable). The other delicate question concerns certain smoke analytes, in particular nitric oxide and the nicotine-derived nitrosamines. Prof. FROGGATT's views on the subject are sufficiently firm and a discussion is

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unlikely to result in a modification of his opinion. Prof. FROGGATT realises that HOFFMANN's data are shaky and that his views are isolated. There obviously is a requirement for further research. - HER : At a staff meeting at R&D, the current BARCLAY situation at ISO was discussed. For the forthcoming meeting of the CORESTA task force, which deals with the same issue - validation of analytical procedures for channel ventilated cigarettes - (5th March, at SEITA, Paris), some more analytical work should be prepared, eg. difference of filter tar deposition, when smoked with channels open or closed. The possibility of designing a product which is better than BARCLAY was discussed. - IAM : Meeting of the Scientific Commission of the ASFC. Main points discussed : Interview with three candidates for the position of "Adjoint Scientifique" to the ASFC. Another item concerned the current revision of the "Manuel des Denrées Alimentaires" : The Industry had requested a delay for submitting its comments. The reason why there are problems is because of the difference of opinion between FTR and BAT. The request was rejected by the Federal Office of Public Health and the Scientific Commission had to make its observations within 48 hours. IAM acted in conjunction with Messrs. R. PANTET and F. LOPES on this matter.

Tuesday 3rd : HGA : Meeting in Lausanne with Messrs. DARRAH and BROOKS on the issue of ISO standards. The situation was assessed as it presented itself after the meeting in Portugal of the Working Group Six, and HGA's trip to MONITAL in Rome. For the time being a wait-and-see attitude has to be adopted while using the time to prepare plans for future actions under the different scenarios that could develop. - IAM : London, Meeting of the Bioscience Working Group (BWG) of the TAC. From the Agenda, the following points were discussed (1)-Smoke Analytes; aldehydes; ITL review is

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completed. (2)-The review on "Compensation", written by Rothmans, is to be completed by the fourth week in February. (3)-Radon (papers noted). (4)-Surgeon General's Report. The review is to be prepared by Dr. F. ROE. (5)-General discussion on ETS. (6)-Future role of the BWG. Then a joint meeting of the Extra-Mural Advisory Sub-Committee (ERAS) and the BWGtook place and Professor HALLIWELL gave a presentation on free radicals. HER (former Director of Research, DEGESCH GmbH) has organised a meeting to be held on 24th March in Frankfurt, between DEGESCH and PM with the following objectives : (1)-To familiarise J.-M. FREYMOND, who is in charge of tobacco sanitation, with current practices. (2)- To avoid, in the future, bad fumigation practices in the tobacco producing countries (causing high residues). (3)-To collaborate with DEGESCH GmbH in order to obtain official approval of PM-endorsed fumigants in all countries.

Wednesday 4th : HGA, Dr. HAUSERMANN and Mr. LOPES discussed a course of action to be taken in the event that (a) the Italian Appeal succeeds and the Draft Standards are sent back to the Technical Committee ISO/TC126 or (b) that the Appeal fails, and the Draft Standards are published as International Standards in their present form. The matter is of a very delicate nature, as BAT seem to use tactics which are outside the field of science. HER : Preparation for topics for discussion at the Nordic ETS seminar to be held on 16th March, together with scientific information. Messages should be conveyed to the NMA's in order to put the religion-like belief in statistics into question. IAM : (1)-Attendance of the General Assembly of the ILSI (International Life Science Institute) in Brussels. (2)-Meeting with Professor FONDU and Dr. VERBIESE concerning the Project on International Tobacco Legislation (Progress

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Report). (3)-Meeting at the CERIA with Professor LENGES and Ms. DE WEGHE in order to discuss the project to be submitted to the IBN (Institut Belge de Normalisation) concerning the testing of channel ventilated cigarettes.

Thursday 5th : HGA : Meeting with Messrs. BROOKS, HORST and HOEL. The main subject was ETS; how to coordinate the efforts of all acting parties involved. Priority : to identify independent experts in this area. IAM : Meeting in Brussels with Dr. C. BIEVA (Nicotine Project) on the planning of the analyses to be made (nicotine in the sera).

Friday 6th : IAM : Contact with Prof. BATTIG, Zurich, concerning his research project, which he will be submitting to the Swiss Federal Office for Public Health. We were concerned that Dr. Siegwart, of the Federal Health Office, might think that this could substitute for his Working Group to find a "solution" for the BARCLAY testing problem. Prof. BATTIG will make it clear in his introduction that the results of his project will not solve the problems of how to test channel ventilated cigarettes.

Monday 9th : IAM : Meeting in London of the Scientific Sub-Committee of the TAC. Main subjects discussed were : (1)-The preparation of the Agenda for the next meeting of the Research Committee with the Independent Scientific Committee. (2)-The consolidation of results of the on-going "Ambient Air Study" (ETS-Monitoring), and the discussion of the format for the publication of the Study. (3)-PETER LEE presented suggestions for further work in the ETS area, once the present Study has been completed. (4)-Review of the progress reports by the various TAC

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Working Groups. (5)-Discussion of the future role of the SSC in view of the intent expressed by all Companies to reduce the number of Committees, Working Groups, etc. HER : Contact was established, through the mediation of Mr. S. CARLSON, with Prof. P. SOILA, a Finnish specialist for computer tomography and radiology. Prof. SOILA is fervently opposed to the present campaign against smoking based on ETS argumentation. He claims to possess useful results of his diagnoses which would be suited to disprove some of the claims held against health effects allegedly caused by exposure to ETS. A meeting between HER and Prof. SOILA is foreseen in Helsinki for 18th/19th February, 1987.

Tuesday 10th : HGA and HER : Full day with Mr. BREIDBACH in Neuchâtel. Purpose : The preparation of a presentation on current issues, mainly ETS, which is to be given to selected personalities of the West German political scene. The ultimate objective is to gain the initiative in order to return to a more constructive and less prohibitionist attitude by the authorities. IAM : A meeting took place in Paris at the premises of the Direction Générale de la Santé, of the group on "Attitudes, Comportement et Dépendence", which was chaired by Dr. TASSIN. A preliminary report was available which was reviewed in order to be included in the main Report which is to be written by Prof. HIRSCH, who was also present at the Meeting. Following this a private Meeting took place with Prof. MOLIMARD on the general problems of Smoking and Health.

Wednesday 11th : HGA : Meeting with Messrs. WARE and BESQUES of EEMA. The main objective was to review all priority topics and to give, at the same time, an introduction on the subjects of smoking and health, cigarette testing, MCL's,

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etc, to Mr. BESQUES. IAM : Contact with Mr. R. PANTET concerning ASFC matters and in particular on (1)-The choice of the future "Adjoint Scientifique" (Scientific Attaché). It must be remembered that the last one left the ASFC in anger. (2)-In-put and suggestions for the preparatory phase in the process of renewing the "Manuel des Denrées Alimentaires". (3)-Advice on the Research Project of Prof. BATTIG. Contact with Mr. H. FAUVILLE preparing him for the next session of the Belgian Standardising Committee (IBN). Contact was also made with Mr. G. NASSIF in Bahrain on the organisation of the visit of Ms. MAARAFI to CERIA in Brussels. Ms. MAARAFI is the Head of the Testing Laboratory in Kuwait.

Thursday 12th : HGA contacted Mr. JOIGNY of SEITA in order to explain to him, once again, the PM position on the issue of ISO Standards. Mr. JOIGNY mentioned that the French Standards Bureau had already responded to the Italian appeal without even consulting with SEITA to ISO in Geneva. They voted against the UNI proposal. However, Mr. JOIGNY undertook to explain to his colleagues and superiors at SEITA the dangers and disadvantages associated with an approval of the present draft standards. He also said, that he could not guarantee the final outcome. Should a change of mind be achieved, they would ask the French Standards Bureau to immediately inform ISO (deadline : 23rd February) of the change in their position to the UNI appeal. HER : Formulation of criticism of one of the most important papers on the ETS issue recently published by the anti-smoker's "league" in the UK (N.J. WALD et al. : "Does Breathing Other People's Tobacco Smoke Cause Lung Cancer?"). Criticism is possible in three ways (1)-A shift of one cancer case in each of the case control studies reported (wrong diagnosis or attribution) could shift the pooled relative risk

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remarkably. (2)-The tacit assumption of the existence of a linear dependence of the excess risk on biochemical indicators which themselves are doubtful is not validated in scientific terms, ie. it is wishful thinking on behalf of NICK WALD. (3)-The reported individual single risks are so widely different that it seems doubtful whether "pooling" (ie throwing them all into the same basket) is permitted. In "pooling" one plays with "mean values" between "being alive and being dead". This type of critique will be discussed in due course with PETER LEE.

Friday 13th : HGA and IAM participated at an FTR Management Meeting. The main purpose being to maintain some link with FTR, who, after all, are the hosts of S&T and who, in this capacity, provide much of the infrastructure necessary for S&T's existence.

Monday 16th : HGA : Review of publications by European authors on air pollution, environmental monitoring, indoor air quality, etc, in order to shortlist possible names of scientists who could be approached by Industry, or by PM, as independent experts on ETS. The countries for which there is the highest urgency are : Germany (possibly Austria), Switzerland, France, Italy, and one of the Nordic Countries. IAM : Contact by telephone with Dr. O. STUHL (RJR) concerning Prof. BATTIG's modified research project to be submitted to the Swiss Federal Health Office (OFSP) on which the Scientific Commission of the ASFC is to be requested to give an opinion.

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Tuesday 17th : HGA attended the 43rd Meeting of the Research Committee of TAC (Present : Messrs. SIMPSON, GRICE

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and Drs. BACKHURST, WOODMAN, WILLIAMS, THORNTON, NELMES, BOXALL) . Before the meeting even started, and before RAY THORNTON (BAT) arrived, DICK BOXALL (GALLAHERS) and RON WILLIAMS (ROTHMANS) expressed their concern about the turn-around of British Authorities towards Barclay. HGA pointed out that matters might be different had the other UK companies actively supported PM on this issue. During the Meeting side-remarks were made by BRYAN SIMPSON, as well as by DICK BOXALL to the effect "the Saudis will soon be capable of testing cigarettes, isn't that so, Helmut ?". The following items were of some importance. (1)-Ambient Air Study : On schedule. A detailed Progress Report will be given to RC members on Friday, 13th March, at 14:15 at Glen House. The Study should be ready for publication by the end of April 1987. (2)-Europe Against Cancer : HUGH GRICE is continuing to coordinate Industry efforts. It cannot be concealed that the Industry is disunited on issues such as testing methods and MCL's. (3)-Budget : Current year planned £443,800, current year expected £442,000, next year proposed £333,000. This amount includes all projects to which TAC is already committed, £50,000 for new projects (maximum two), as well as for work on ETS and on the "Sick Building Syndrome". (4)-Rationalisation : The RC is to take on more work, consequently, Sub-Committees and Working Groups are reduced in terms of numbers, size and frequency of meetings. The measures have immediate effect. IAM : Contact by telephone with Ms. GREVEN (Institute of Hygiene, Belgian Ministry of Health) concerning Barclay. The purpose was to answer a number of questions concerning the legal situation in different European countries and to clarify some technical aspects of the problem. IAM is to provide more information on the subject. Telephone conversation with R. PANTET on the subject of Prof. BATTIG's research project for the OFSP and on the reply by the ASFC concerning the project for the chapter concerning tobacco in the "Manuel Suisse des Denrées Alimentaires".

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Wednesday 18th : HGA : Dr. KROGER of Reemtsma informed us that he had heard that BAT showed, in confidence, a Report by a certain Dr. BAKER on cotinine data to the Authorities in Germany. The data allegedly support the theory that the nicotine up-take for all cigarettes with a nicotine yield below 0.8 mg/cig is more or less the same. Dr. KROGER suspects that it was the same data that were used in the UK to turn around the Authorities views on Barclay. He suggested that we try hard to get hold of the data. Although he has not seen BAKER's data, he doubts that they are really conclusive. IAM : Conversation with Ms. NIQUILLE, General Secretary of the ASFC, about Prof. BATTIG's Research Project for the OFSP with a request for this to be added to the Agenda of the next Meeting of the Scientific Commission of the ASFC for general discussion. HER : Meeting with Prof. PEKKA SOILA in Helsinki who is willing to help the tobacco industry to fight unjustified accusations. From 1964 through 1985 he worked as senior professor and head of the Institute of Diagnostic Radiology of the University of Helsinki. Prof. SOILA is convinced that the crusade against ETS lacks any scientific basis. He is now retured and intends to continue his work (techniques for early diagnosis of lung cancer) at the Technical University of Munich and has applied for an Eleanor Roosevelt scholarship, which is granted by the International Union Against Cancer, Geneva. These studies would then enable him to be invited to speak at anti-smoking conferences as an independent scientist.

Thursday 19th : HGA : Dr. GEOFFREY WOODMANN of Imperial Tobacco expressed his, and BILL OWEN's, concern over the potential Barclay threat in the UK. He proposed joint action by Imperial, Gallahers and Rothmans with PM. HGA promised to follow this one up.

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Friday 20th : HGA : Exploratory discussion with Mr. PANTET of the situation in Switzerland with regard to future work in the ETS area. The feud over Barclay between FTR and BAT is a complicating factor. Unfortunately, some of the scientists who would be capable of carrying out some of the work have, in the past, taken a position against Barclay, and BAT is unlikely to forget this.

Sunday 22nd : HGA met with Dr. WILLIAMS of Rothmans in an attempt to obtain Rothman's support on the Barclay issue. There seems to be a feeling of hurt up the Rothmans totem pole, but there is a good chance that common sense will prevail. Rothmans are prepared to support our line, in cooperation with other companies, but only in "behind the scene" actions i.e. they are not going to expose themselves in organisations such as : CORESTA or ISO.

Monday 23rd : HGA : (1)-Meeting at Hartcliffe, Bristol, with Dr. DAVID WESTCOTT, Chairman of the CORESTA Task Force, Mr. TONY SPRINGALL, Imperial's expert at ISO/TC126WG/6 and Dr. WILLIAMS. A common approach for the task force meeting in March was agreed upon. HER will present a summary of the evidence which proves that Barclay cannot be tested with the existing methodology. Towards the end of the Meeting HER will table the following motion : Existing CORESTA testing methodology and the draft International Standards ISO/DIS 4387 and ISO/DIS 8453 are not applicable to channel-ventilated cigarettes. The preamble to the ISO standards saying that the procedures are applicable to all types of cigarettes is wrong. There will be a majority support for this motion, a fact, that Dr. WESTCOTT will record. (2)-Informal Meeting of the British Industry scientists with the ISC/DHSS representatives in Bristol.

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The ISC/DHSS delegation consisted of Prof. FROGGATT, Prof. WALD, Dr. FAIRWEATHER and Mr. WALLER. As the time of the Fourth Report comes nearer, Sir PETER wanted to know the industries position on nitrosamines. HGA took the lead in recalling all the evidence available on the chemistry, the toxicology and the epidemiology, which does not support the views expressed by Dr. HOFFMANN of the American Health Foundation in New York. THE ISC seems to agree that DIETRICH HOFFMANN is the only scientist who takes an extreme position on nitrosamines. The Committee put another question before the industry scientists : What would be our suggestion in order to further reduce tar whilst maintaining the nicotine delivery of cigarettes ? As nobody advanced any suggestion, HGA explained that with the existing ground rules this was not possible. However, making certain authorised additives, e.g. humectants, deductable from the tar figure, would open a way to the development of products with an improved tar/nicotine ratio. This position was supported by Dr. WILLIAMS. The other industry scientists said nothing. Prof. FROGGATT then suggested to have yet another informal meeting on short notice before finalising the Fourth Report. The likely date is mid-June. This further delay offers us the possibility to give PETER FROGGATT some prototype cigarettes with raised humectant and nicotine levels. This is, of course, provided that we can develop the prototypes in such a short time. In order to avoid any misunderstanding : The principle of the concept is that the future higher tar/nicotine ratios would correspond to unchanged tar/nicotine ratios, under the present mode of calculating tar. This means that product acceptability should not be changed. IAM : Meeting with Dr. A. ETOURNAUD (Cantonal Chemistry Laboratory, Vaud), Dr. J. WILD (Burrus), F. LOPES (members of the Sub-Commission on Tobacco Products of the OFSP, chaired by Dr. ROMANN), Mr. RIGAUX (Burrus), F. SENEHI, J. ZUBER, the aim of the Meeting

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being to discuss a counter-project for the testing part of the chapter on tobacco of the "Manuel des Denrées Alimentaires" to be submitted to the Federal Commission, in order to introduce paragraphs concerning the testing of channel-ventilated cigarettes using the DIN approach. Mr. DEMOULIN (Fedetab, Belgium) called to ask for additional arguments to the "industry comments" on EEC's anti-cancer programme and which Mr. CATELAIN (President of Fedetab) and member of the "Comité Consultatif Tabac" of the EEC could use at the next Meeting of this Committee. IAM will contact Corporate Affairs PM EEC on this matter.

Tuesday 24th : HGA : Meeting in Lausanne wih Ms. POTTORFF in an effort to coordinate the Company's efforts in the ETS / Air Quality Monitoring area. The objective of the meeting was to provide Ms. POTTORFF with the outlines of action, plus a list of required resources. HGA and MJA : Participation in a Meeting in preparation for the court action in Zürich on the Swiss Barclay patent. IAM : Together with F. LOPES, arrangements and a programme were prepared for Ms. MAARAFI's (Kuwait Official Testing Laboratory) visit to CERIA Brussels, scheduled for the first week in March. Contact on this matter with Mr. GOTECHA, PM Bahrain, B. ROBINSON and Prof. J. LENGES, CERIA Brussels. Contact with H. FAUVILLE PMB concerning FEDETAB's position at the next Meeting of the IBN (Belgian Standardisation Institute). HER : Visit to DEGESCH GmbH, Frankfurt, to discuss shortcomings in tobacco fumigation. In the future, PM should act as a supervisor of "fumigation quality" and refuse (based on a mututally agreed document "Sensible Tobacco Fumigation Items") buying contaminated tobacco. However, the fumigation procedure, and responsibility for safety, must remain with the local applicators. Cooperation in the fields of experimentation, training and contact with local authorities was agreed upon

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with DEGESCH. Together it should be possible to overcome obstacles brought forward by some governments in the registration of those fumigation products which are endorsed by PM.

Wednesday 25th : HGA explained to Ms. POTTORFF and Mr. ROBINSON the S&T position on "Whitecoats" or "Witnesses" in the ETS area. (1)-The "Witnesses" are spokesmen for use in the public arena without necessarily a commitment to experimental work. (2)-The selection and screening process as well as the briefings proper are predominantly determined by very important and very specific legal considerations. (3)-The legal views, in my understanding, differ somewhat between the USA and Europe. In particular our US and British lawyers have problems in reconciling the differing requirements. (4)-The legal and historic traditions are country-specific. - Conclusion : The foregoing leads to the conclusion that the establishment and maintenance of a stable of "witnesses" ought to be done by lawyers and not by S&T scientists. S&T would, of course, give assistance. IAM : Telephone conversation with Mr. G. DISERENS regarding the letter sent by the ASFC to the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health concerning the "Manuel des Denrées Alimentaires" especially on the two paragraphs which have been included, upon demand by BAT. These two paragraphs if included in the final version of the "Manuel" would cause damage to all ventilated cigarettes.

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Thursday 26th : HGA : Meeting in Telfs, Austria, organised by Mr. BREIDBACH, with Mr. WILLE and several top personalities of the West German political scene. The meeting's objective was to present, in detail, these persons

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with a whole range of Industry arguments and to obtain their reactions to each individual set of arguments. This is in an effort to shape an effective PR / lobbying concept for Germany. The first part of the Meeting was entirely devoted to presentations by Mr. BREIDBACH and HGA. IAM : Final arrangements were made for Ms. MAARAFI's visit to the Belgian Official Laboratory in Brussels (CERIA). Telephone contact with Mr. P. SCHILTZ (SEITA, Paris), concerning the last Meeting of the "Groupe Epidemiologie - Tabac et Santé", under the Chairmanship of Ms. C. HILL, the Report will be discussed at a Meeting which is to take place on 2nd April, 1987.

Friday 27th : HGA : The second part of the Telfs' Meeting dealt with a detailed discussion of the arguments. The results are very interesting as, to a certain extent, they are unexpected. It will take a few days to analyse them properly and formulate our conclusions. IAM : Meeting with Messrs. M. HÄUSERMANN, F. LOPES, H. REIF and A. BADSTUBER in preparation for the CORESTA Meeting, to be held in Paris on 5th March, on the problem of channel ventilated cigarettes. Meeting in Lausanne, PME Corporate Affairs, with Mr. I. SARGEANT regarding Mr. DEMOULIN's request for additional comments concerning EEC's Cancer Initiative to be used by Mr. CATELAIN at the Meeting of the "Comité Consultatif Tabac".

H.W. Gaisch
(signed in his absence)

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